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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF CYPRIOT EMBASSY IN ANKARA

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DIRGEN FONMIN PELAGHIAS TOLD DCM MARCH 12 THAT GOC WAS NOT AT ALL SURPRISED BY CLOSURE OF ITS ANKARA EMBASSY BY AMBASSADOR ZAIM. PELAGHIAS DESCRIBED ZAIM AS A "DRUNK" AND SAID HIS ACTION WOULD HAVE VERY LITTLE PRACTICAL EFFECT. GOC WAS NONETHELESS PEEVED THAT ZAIM HAD HANDED EMBASSY PROPERTY OVER TO TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES, SINCE HONORABLE THING WOULD HAVE BEEN TO SEND KEYS BACK TO REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTRY. PELAGHIAS NOTED THAT GOC WAS CONTEMPLATING ASKING UK OR SWITZERLAND TO ASSUME CHARGE OF ITS AFFAIRS IN ANKARA. FONMIN HAD ALSO SENT TELEGRAM TO ZAIM'S DEPUTY (AN UNIDENTIFIED TURK CYPRIOT) ASKING IF HE WOULD ACCEPT DUTIES OF CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, USING A HOTEL ROOM AS EMBASSY OFFICE.

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